

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-11. (Canceled).

12. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method to configure an authoring tool to author a computer-based training course, the method including:

storing in a computer device sets of allocation data, wherein each of the sets of allocation data corresponds to a different respective function in a set of functions of an authoring tool, wherein each of the sets of allocation data includes allocation settings which each correspond to a different respective one of an instructional design role and a content definition role, wherein the instructional design role and the content definition role are each for a user to assume with respect to the authoring tool, each of the allocation settings specifying a respective ability to customize an allocation of the function which corresponds to the set of allocation data to the role which corresponds to the allocation setting;

receiving an indication of a selection by the user of one of the instructional design role and the content definition role;

in response to the received indication of the role selection,

the computer device generating, based on the allocation settings of the sets of allocation data, a list of one or more functions in the set of functions available to be selected for allocation to the one of the instructional design role and the content definition role, and

presenting to the user the list of one or more functions in the set of functions;

receiving an indication of a selection by the user of one of the one or more

presented functions; and

in response to the received indication of the function selection, allocating the selected function to the selected role, the allocating to customize a graphical user interface for the selected role, the customizing to include the selected function in the graphical user interface when the user assumes the selected role, wherein the selected function is available in the graphical user interface to be selectively applied by the user for performing an operation on training course information.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, wherein allocating the selected function to the selected role includes one of allocating a first default set of instructional design functions to the instructional design role, and allocating a second default set of content definition functions to the content definition role.

14. (Canceled).

15. (Canceled).

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, wherein presenting the list of one or more functions in the set of functions includes presenting in a first distinct display area a list of functions for selective allocation to only one of the instructional design role and a content definition role, the method further comprising presenting in a second distinct display area a second list of one or more functions in the set of functions for selective allocation to only the other of the instructional design role and a content definition role, the displaying in the distinct first and second display areas in conjunction with a graphical user-selection mechanism so as to facilitate graphical selection of the first and second sets of functions by a user.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the first and second display areas comprise windows presented within a graphical user interface, and the graphical user-selection mechanism is a collection of check boxes.

18. (Original) The method of claim 12, including customizing a display of functions to the user based on a user role to which the user has been allocated, and functions allocated to the user role.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18 including customizing the display of functions by selectively displaying user-selectable indicia only for the functions allocated to the user role.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 19, including displaying the user-selectable indicia within the at least one of a drop-down menu, a pop-up menu, and function tabs within [a] the graphical user interface generated by the GUI module.

21. (Canceled).

22. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable storage medium storing a set of instructions that, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to perform a method to configure an authoring tool to author a computer-based training course, the method including:

storing sets of allocation data, wherein each of the sets of allocation data corresponds to a different respective function in a set of functions of an authoring tool, wherein each of the sets of allocation data includes allocation settings which each correspond to a different respective one of an instructional design role and a content definition role, wherein the instructional design role and the content definition role are

each for a user to assume with respect to the authoring tool, each of the allocation settings specifying a respective ability to customize an allocation of the function which corresponds to the set of allocation data to the role which corresponds to the allocation setting;

receiving an indication of a selection by the user of one of the instructional design role and the content definition role;

in response to the received indication of the role selection,

generating, based on the allocation settings of the sets of allocation data, a list of one or more functions in the set of functions available to be selected for allocation to the one of the instructional design role and the content definition role, and

presenting to the user the list of one or more functions in the set of functions;

receiving an indication of a selection by the user of one of the one or more presented functions; and

in response to the received indication of the function selection, allocating the selected function to the selected role, the allocating to customize a graphical user interface for the selected role, the customizing to include the selected function in the graphical user interface when the user assumes the selected role, wherein the selected function is available in the graphical user interface to be selectively applied by the user for performing an operation on training course information.

23. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage medium of claim 22, wherein allocating the selected function to the selected role includes one of allocating a first default set of instructional design functions to the instructional design role, and allocating a second default set of content definition functions to the content definition role.

24. (Canceled).

25. (Canceled).

26. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage medium of claim 22, wherein presenting the list of one or more functions in the set of functions includes presenting in a first distinct display area a list of functions for selective allocation to only one of the instructional design role and a content definition role, the method further comprising presenting in a second distinct display area a second list of one or more functions in the set of functions for selective allocation to only the other of the instructional design role and a content definition role, the displaying in the distinct first and second display areas in conjunction with a graphical user-selection mechanism so as to facilitate graphical selection of the first and second sets of functions by a user.

27. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage medium of claim 26, wherein the first and second display areas comprise windows presented within a graphical user interface, and the graphical user-selection mechanism is a collection of check boxes.

28. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage medium of claim 22, including customizing a display of functions to the user based on a user role to which the user has been allocated, and functions allocated to the user role.

29. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage medium of claim 28 including customizing the display of functions by selectively displaying user-selectable indicia only for the functions allocated to the user role.

30. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable storage medium of claim 29, including displaying the user-selectable indicia within the at least one of a drop-down menu, a pop-up menu, and function tabs within ~~[[a]] the graphical user interface generated by the GUI module.~~